

*Mr. Corson*

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] has told us that your organization is taking a look at his proposed project on Russian semantics with a view to possible sponsorship.

I am writing to tell you that we heartily endorse this project and that we would be pleased if [Redacted] found it possible to finance the study. [Redacted] approached the State Department about possible financing in July, and [Redacted] of my staff made a pretty thorough exploration of the matter, which included setting evaluations both of the project and of [Redacted]. Our conclusion was that such a study is badly needed and that [Redacted] is well qualified to undertake it.

At one point we thought that the study could be financed through an interagency contracting arrangement. The Operation Research Office (Army) was willing to put up \$15,000 if the State Department and/or other agencies would also contribute. However, although State and other agencies thought the project would be extremely useful, they were not in a position to allocate funds and finally the ORO offer lapsed.

Since officers in a number of agencies have expressed a desire to have the study made, I feel that they would all be grateful if [Redacted] were able to pick up this meritorious project and get it going. Should that happen, we would like to have the opportunity of passing along to you some suggestions which we have received concerning the design and ultimate utilization of the study.

If there is any other information which I can supply about this project which might be helpful to you, I hope you will let me know.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]  
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